

Clarification of comment in "The Iraq Study Group Report"

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The Defense Intelligence Agency appreciates the time and effort the Iraq Study Group members put into drafting their report, and we are studying the report and its recommendations. The report stated the Study Group was told that there are 'fewer than 10 analysts on the job at the Defense Intelligence Agency who have more than two years' experience in analyzing the insurgency.' Many news organizations have quoted this inaccurate statement; therefore the Defense Intelligence Agency has found it necessary to correct the record.

The Defense Intelligence Agency has more than 300 dedicated analysts focused on the many complexities of Iraq. They include a core cadre of 49 analysts focused exclusively on the insurgency, at least half of whom have more than 2 years experience working this issue. DIA analysts are rotated to assignments in Iraq to provide support to U.S. Central Command and to gain additional on-the-ground experience and insight.

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